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1-10 (Canceled)

 (New) A method for processing at least one signal representing a physical output quantity in an industrial installation, comprising the steps of:

receiving the at least one signal representing the physical output quantity:

determining an output signal representing a derived physical target quantity from the at least one signal, said target quantity having a target unit; and

automatically converting a unit of the physical quantity into the target unit of the target quantity.

- 12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the converting step includes the step of considering a table in which conversion factors necessary for converting the unit of the at least one signal are deposited.
- (New) The method claim 12, wherein the units in the table are broken down into basic SI units.
- 14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein various units are arranged underneath one another in a column and conversion parameters for breaking down a unit in the table into a basic SI units are listed column by column in rows.

 (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the break-down into a basic SI unit is effected with the aid of the formula

$$x [E] = (y[SI] * f * b^e + c) * \Pi_i [SI]_i^{e[SI]}$$

wherein x is the value of the physical quantity in the unit [E], y is the value of the physical quantity in a basic SI unit, f is the conversion factor, b is the base and e is the exponent of the base b with which the conversion factor is weighted, c is an offset constant, i is a running index and Π_i [SI], $^{e(SI)}_i$ is the product sum of basic SI units that are each weighted with a respective exponent e(SI).

- 16. (New) The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:
 - including the unit of the physical quantity in a calculation formula.
 - converting the unit of the physical quantity into a basic SI unit for determining the target quantity, and
 - specifying the target quantity in a desired target unit.
- (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of inputting a calculation formula for determining the target quantity.
- (New) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of automatically subjecting the calculation formula to a plausibility check using the target unit.
- (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of displaying the target quantity in accordance with a predetermined standard.
- 20. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of detecting the at least one signal from an active operation in an industrial process using a mobile diagnostic and evaluating system, and generating the target quantity with the help of the system.